

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 193

By Mitchell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Representative David A. Shepard of Dickson.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of David A. Shepard of Dickson, a highly successful pharmacist and civic leader who served his fellow citizens with distinction as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives for the 69th House District during the 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, and 109th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, born on October 6, 1947, in Nashville, David Shepard was a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin and earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center's College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, it was during his time attending the University of Tennessee Health Science Center's College of Pharmacy in Memphis that he met his wife, Martha, in 1971; the devoted couple were subsequently married in May 1974; and

WHEREAS, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, Representative Shepard proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 and was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor; and

WHEREAS, a board-certified psychiatric pharmacist, community pharmacist, educator, and author, David Shepard spent twenty-three years as a clinical psychiatric pharmacist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville while also working and managing three community drug stores; he was serving as the president of the Community Pharmacy Care, Inc., Board of Directors at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, offering himself for public service to his community, David Shepard rendered sterling service during his tenures as a member of the Dickson City Council and as Vice Mayor of Dickson and was elected to represent the 9th District on the Dickson County Commission in November 2018; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, David Shepard was appointed to the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees by Governor Bill Haslam; and

WHEREAS, he was a past president of the Dickson County University of Tennessee Alumni Association and a member of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Alumni Board; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Mr. Shepard served on a number of boards for local businesses and organizations for many years, including the Bank of Dickson, the Dickson Community Clinic, the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum, and the Jackson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, David Shepard received numerous leadership awards, including the 1998 Bowl of Hygeia, and was named the 2000 Tom C. Sharp Pharmacist of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he received the CASA Champions for Children Award in 2017 and the Dickson County Good Scout Award in 2019; and

WHEREAS, David Shepard was an avid golfer and loved to travel the world. Upon his retirement from pharmacy, he shared his expertise on medical mission trips to Belize, Guatemala, and Haiti with his wife, Martha; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shepard was deeply devoted to his family, and he enjoyed the loving support and companionship of his wife, Martha, and their three children and their families, Christopher Burton Shepard; Stacy Lynn Levine, husband, Ethan Levine, and daughters, Clara Levine and Lucy Levine; and Benjamin Alan Shepard, wife, Kitzie Green Shepard, and children, Jack Shepard and McCall Shepard; and

WHEREAS, David Shepard leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Representative David A. Shepard and his life of service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee and reflect fondly upon his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Representative Shepard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.